complaints over the family dispute; and watching the administration of old age homes etc.

Data base of employment and literacy rate

1551. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created a data base for understanding caste-wise and religion-wise employment and literacy rate among different segments of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the rate of employment of minority communities in the public sector is not proportionate to their population *vis-a-vis* the population of the country and employment opportunities available in the Government Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken to correct imbalace, if any, in the matter of employment and literacy among the minority communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Decennial census provides information on work participation rate (WPR) and literacy rate for total population, religious communities and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A statement giving WPR and literacy rate for census 2001 is enclosed. (*See* below). However, these details are not available for other castes.

(c) and (d) Since there is no administrative or constitutional requirement for the employment to minority communities in proportion to their population, no data base in maintained. The Government have recently announced the Prime Minister's New 15- Point Programme for the welfare of minorities. This envisages that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes included in the programme, shall be earmarked for the minorities. The benefits to minorities will be ensured in the form of opportunities for education, on equitable share in economic activities and employment, improvement in their living conditions and prevention and control of communal riots.

Statement

Work participation rate and literacy rate for different segments of population, India: 2001*

Population segments	Work participation rate			Literacy Rate		
	P	M	F	P	M	F
Total population	39.1	51.7	25.6	64.8	75.3	53.7
Scheduled Castes	40.4	50.7	29.4	54.7	66.6	41.9
Scheduled Castes	49.1	53.2	44.8	47.1	59.2	34.8
Hindus	40.4	52.4	27.5	65.1	76.2	53.2
Muslims	31.3	47.5	14.1	59.1	67.6	50.1
Christians	39.7	50.7	28.7	80.3	84.4	76.2
Sikhs	37.7	53.3	20.2	69.4	75.2	63.1
Buddists	40.6	49.2	31.7	72.7	83.1	61.7
Jains	32.9	55.2	9.2	94.1	97.4	90.6
Others	48.4	52.5	44.2	47.0	60.8	33.2

Note

1. *Excludes figures of Paomata, Mao Maran and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of manipur.

2. **Work Participation rate:**

   Work participation rate is defined as the percentage of total workers (main and marginal) to total population.

   Main worker: A person who had worked for 6 months or more during the reference period is termed as Main worker.

   Marginal worker: A person who had worked for less than 6 months during the reference period is terned as Marginal worker.

3. **Literacy rate:**

   Literacy rate of population is defined as the percentage of literates to the total population aged 7 years and above.